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Title: MANUFACTURING METHOD OF HYDROGEN AND SYNTHESIS GAS

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Sir:

This is a request for filing a continuation application under  
37 CFR 1.53(b) of pending prior application:

Serial No.: 09/319 530 Filed: June 4, 1999

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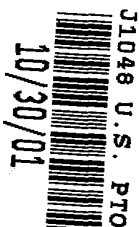
Group: 1754 Examiner: Medina Sanabria

The disclosure of this prior parent application, as well as any  
applications from which this prior application may claim priority,  
is hereby incorporated herein by reference.

Enclosed are:

[X] A copy of the prior application in which no new matter is  
presented, including the oath or declaration.

The filing fee is calculated as shown below, based on the claims  
filed in the prior application but after canceling any claims which  
this transmittal indicates are to be cancelled prior to such  
calculation:



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For	No. Filed	No. Extra	(X) LG Entity	RATE	( ) SM Entity	Fee
Basic Fee				\$740.00	\$370.00	\$740.00
Total Claims	(1 - 20 = 0)		x \$ 18.00		x \$ 9.00	
Indep. Claims	(1 - 3 = 0)		x \$ 84.00		x \$ 42.00	
[ ] Multiple Dep. Claim			+ \$280.00		+ \$140.00	
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- [X] A Check for \$740.00 is enclosed to cover fees.
- [X] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional filing fees under 37 CFR 1.16 which may be required by this communication, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1382. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- [X] Cancel in this application original Claims 2-19 of the prior application before calculating the filing fee. (Retain at least one independent claim.)
- [X] Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence: ---This is a continuation of Serial No. 09/319 530, filed June 4, 1999.---
- [X] 4 Drawing Sheets [X] Formal
- [X] Priority is claimed under 35 USC 119 based on Japan Application No. 9/274114, filed October 7, 1997 and Application No. 9/274115, filed October 7, 1997 and Application No. 10/106829, filed April 17, 1998 and Application No. 10/106830, filed April 17, 1998 and Application No. 10/106831, filed April 17, 1998 and Application No. 10/106832, filed April 17, 1998 and Application No. 10/106833, filed April 17, 1998.
- [X] The certified copies have been filed in prior application Serial No. PCT/JP98/02640, filed June 16, 1998.
- [X] The Power of Attorney in the prior application is to Dale H. Thiel (Reg. No. 24323), David G. Boutell (Reg. No. 25072), Ronald J. Tanis (Reg. No. 22724), Terryence F. Chapman (Reg. No. 32549) and Mark L. Maki (Reg. No. 36589), all of 2026 Rambling Road, Kalamazoo, Michigan 49008.
- [X] The Power appears in the original papers in the prior application.
- [X] The prior application is assigned of record to NKK Corporation.

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[X] An Amendment Before First Office Action is enclosed. (Claims added are numbered consecutively beginning with the number next following the highest numbered original claim.)

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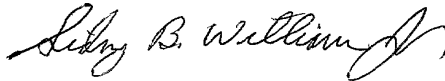
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Herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

☐ Statement(s) re small entity status submitted previously.

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